

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF MINI KITS OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide Mini-Kits of various varieties of seeds of Groundnut, Til, Ramtil and Castor released during last ten years to Jharkhand under Oilseeds Production Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to remove condition of last ten years in distribution of seeds mini-kits under said programme;
- (d) if so, by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) the reasons for delay in taking the decision?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) : Under the existing Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) being implemented in 28 States including Jharkhand, there is a provision of distribution of minikits of various varieties of seeds of Groundnut, Til, Ramtil and Castor released during last ten years to the farmers free of cost along with printed material for package of practices.
- (c) : The aim for the distribution of minikits to the farmers is to introduce and propagate new varieties of oilseed crops for the benefit of the farmers. Therefore, there is no proposal to remove the condition of last ten years in distribution of seed minikits under the said programme.
- (d) & (e): Question does not arise.